

P A T E N T C L A I M S

1. Conjugate comprising
 - a. a biospecific affinity counterpart (target-seeking group) that is capable of binding to a predetermined structure, and
 - b. a peptide that
 - i. contains an amino acid sequence that is derived from a superantigen,
 - ii. has the ability to bind to a V β chain of a T cell receptor, and
 - iii. has a modified ability to bind to MHC class II antigens compared to the superantigen from which the peptide is derived,which parts are covalently linked together.
2. The conjugate according to claim 1, characterized in that
 - a. the biospecific affinity counterpart is directed towards a cell surface structure, and that
 - b. the conjugate has the ability to activate T-lymphocytes to lyse cells that exhibit the cell surface structure on their surface.
3. The conjugate according to any one of claims 1-2, characterized in that the biospecific affinity counterpart is an antibody or an antigen binding fragment of an antibody.
4. The conjugate according to any one of claims 1-3, characterized in that it is a fusion protein.
5. The conjugate according to any one of claims 1-4, characterized in that the peptide is a mutated superantigen.
- 35 6. The conjugate according to any one of claims 1-5,

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characterized in that the peptide is derived from a superantigen and that its ability to bind to MHC class II antigens is altered with at least 10 %.

- 5 7. The conjugate according to any one of claims 1-6,
characterized in that the superantigen is staphylococcal
enterotoxin A, B, C₁, C₂, D, or E.
- 10 8. The conjugate according to claim 7, characterized in that
the superantigen in addition may be derived from
staphylococcal enterotoxin H
- 15 9. The conjugate according to any one of claims 1-8,
characterized in that the structure against which the
biospecific affinity counterpart is directed is a structure
that is expressed on the cell surface during a disease, for
instance a cancer, a viral infection, an autoimmune disease
or a parasitic infestation.
- 20 10. A method for the lysis of mammalian cells, characterized in
that the cells are contacted with T-lymphocytes and a
conjugate according to any one of claims 2-9 in which the
biospecific affinity counterpart is directed against a
surface structure on the cells that are to be lysed, said
incubation being performed under conditions allowing for
lyse of said cells.
- 25 11. A method for selective lysis of cells (I) that are present
together with other cells (II) and that express a structure
that is preferentially occurring on those cells (I) that are
to be lysed, characterized in that the cells (I) together
with (II) simultaneously are contacted with a conjugate
according to any one of claims 2-9 in which the biospecific
affinity counterpart is directed towards a surface structure
on the cells (I) that are to be lysed, said contact being
performed under conditions permitting lysis.

12. A method according to claim 11, **characterized** in that the
cells (I) are associated with diseased conditions, such as a
cancer, a viral infection, a parasitic infestation, an
autoimmune disease etc.

13. A method for the treatment of a diseased condition of a
mammal, which condition means the presence of specific cells
that are associated with the condition by the expression of
a disease specific surface structure, **characterized** in that
one administers to the mammal a therapeutically effective
amount of a conjugate according to any one of claims 2-9 in
which conjugate the biospecific affinity counterpart is
directed against the disease specific structure.

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